

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/086,654	NEAL, GREG	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/12/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-21.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 27 February 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Drawings 14A-14B</u> |

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

1. Claims 1-21 are allowed.
2. Relative to independent claim 1, the major difference between the teaching of the prior art of record (Zhang et al. US Patent No. 6,452,592 and Nishino US Patent No. 6,763,926) and the instant invention is that the said prior art **does not teach** for each of a range of test Htotal values, calculating a pixel co-ordinate value for each of the found features; determining a pixel co-ordinate remainder value associated with each of the pixel coordinate values; and determining a maximum gap value of the pixel co-ordinate remainder values associated with a true horizontal resolution.

Relative to independent claim 8, the major difference between the teaching of the prior art of record (Zhang et al. US Patent No. 6,452,592 and Nishino US Patent No. 6,763,926) and the instant invention is that the said prior art **does not teach** for each of a range of test Htotal values, means for calculating a pixel co-ordinate value for each of the found features; means for determining a pixel co-ordinate remainder value associated with each of the pixel coordinate values; and means for determining a maximum gap value of the pixel co-ordinate remainder values associated with a true horizontal resolution.

Relative to independent claim 15, the major difference between the teaching of the prior art of record (Zhang et al. US Patent No. 6,452,592 and Nishino US Patent No. 6,763,926) and the instant invention is that the said prior art **does not teach** for each of a range of test Htotal values, computer code for calculating a pixel co-ordinate

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value for each of the found features; computer code for determining a pixel co-ordinate remainder value associated with each of the pixel coordinate values; and computer code for determining a maximum gap value of the pixel co-ordinate remainder values associated with a true horizontal resolution.

Telephone inquire

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leonid Shapiro whose telephone number is 703-305-5661. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 a.m. to 5 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bipin Shalwala can be reached on 703-305-4938. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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